

Call for Applications for new Thematic Working Groups for CERME 11 in 2019

Dear ERME members

The CERME 10 conference in Dublin has been a great success, thanks to a rich scientific program and excellent organization. We warmly thank the IPC chair Ghislaine Gueudet and the LOC chair Thérèse Dooley as well as the vice chairs Andreas Eichler (IPC) and Maurice O'Reilly (LOC) for their work!

As you may already know, CERME 11 will take place in Utrecht (The Netherlands), February 6-10, 2019. The LOC chair is Marja van den Heuvel-Panhuizen (The Netherlands) and LOC vice chair is Michiel Veldhuis (The Netherlands). The IPC chair is Uffe Thomas Jankvist (Denmark) and the IPC vice chair is Miguel Ribeiro (Portugal/Brazil).

CERME 10 attracted around 800 participants, with 585 accepted papers and 99 accepted posters. Following discussions in the ERME Board, the decision has been taken to enable some growth in the number of participants, in order to respect the CERME inclusive spirit. Nevertheless, this decision must not lead to a lower scientific quality of the CERME conference. An important aspect is to limit the number of papers and posters in each Thematic Working Group (TWG), in order to enable a deep pre-conference reading of each paper, and enough time for discussion of the papers and posters during the TWG sessions at the conference.

Combining these two orientations, a natural conclusion is to once again increase the number of TWGs (and at the same time keep the possibility of splitting some of the TWGs, according to the number of papers they receive). However, *the focus of new TWGs should represent a significant subject of research in our community.*

For this reason, the CERME 11 IPC will work on new topics for TWGs. Within the IPC, in particular Uffe Thomas Jankvist (IPC Chair), Miguel Ribeiro (IPC Vice Chair), Ghislaine Gueudet (IPC Chair of previous CERME and ERME board member), and Thérèse Dooley (LOC Chair of previous CERME and ERME board member) are in charge of this work.

We invite groups of *at least three people from different countries* to send us suggestions for possible new TWGs (please refer to the [ERME website](#) for a list of previous CERME TWGs). These suggestions must be supported by a strong argument. If you have the idea of a new TWG that might be interesting for CERME 11, please send us a file describing:

- the suggested topic of the TWG
- 10-20 lines explaining the content of the group and the need for this new TWG, eventually indicating ongoing work (e.g. the existence of a research group/network) that might help to establish this TWG
- suggestions for a TWG leader, including if possible a CV or at least a webpage (please emphasize his/her previous CERME experience), and at least two other people supporting the proposal
- preliminary suggestions for possible co-leaders of the TWG (please emphasize any previous CERME experiences)

The IPC and the ERME board will take the decisions about topics, modified titles and leaders also under the perspective of regional balances and gender balances.

Please send all your suggestions before April 20 by e-mail to utj@edu.au.dk and cmribas78@gmail.com

Many thanks for your participation!

On behalf of the CERME 11 IPC,
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